

ASKS DISMISSAL OF TWO HEADS OF STATE HOSPITALS

Senate Investigating Committee Says Younger Men Needed at Grand Island and Milford Homes.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Recommendations for the dismissal of the heads of two state institutions under the direction of the board of control, are contained in the report of the special investigating committee, which has completed its inspection of the fifteen institutions under the control of the board. The report was filed with the senate this morning by Chairman T. E. Bradstreet, Hall county senator, and adopted without discussion or dissenting vote.

These were the men recommended for dismissal: Commandant W. N. Hensley of the Milford Soldiers' home because of advancing old age. Commandant J. F. Walsh of the Grand Island Soldiers' home because of old age. The committee also said that Walsh failed to command the respect which an institution head deserved.

Need New Farmer.

The committee further recommended the dismissal of the son of Commandant Walsh at the Grand Island home, who has been in charge of farming operations. It makes this statement in that connection: "The son of Commandant Walsh has charge of the farming and we are free to say that conditions as we found them warrant a recommendation that said Mr. Walsh be dismissed."

Member of the committee said that they did not regard Mr. Walsh as qualified to have charge of the farming operations at the home.

In general, the report was very flattering to the state institutions. The state penitentiary under Warden Fepton, the three asylums at Lincoln, Norfolk and Hastings, under Superintendents Case, East and Charlton, the School for Deaf at Omaha under Dr. Booth, the Milford Industrial Home for Women under Miss Ward, the Geneva Industrial Schools for Girls under Paul MacAulay, and the Beatrice Institute for Feeble Minded at Beatrice, under Dr. Griffin, were especially commended for efficient management.

Ask for Younger Man.

The committee had but few criticisms to make outside of the Grand Island home. It reports that it found that the girl employees sleeping apartments at the Milford Soldiers' home are on the same floor with the men and it recommends this be changed immediately. It was also asserted that Commandant Hensley was too old to give the institution the best administration, and it then recommends a younger man be put in charge.

Too Many Stairs.

To reach the attic it was necessary to climb four flights of stairs of 11 steps each and the day before the committee visited the institution an old soldier died of heart disease as a result of the exertion. The committee says that the request for additional executive buildings at the institution should be denied and the funds devoted to improving the living quarters at the institution. It also says that more attention should be paid to the cooking and serving of the meals.

Steamship Abandoned.

New York, Feb. 12.—The American steamship Accom, a 3,500-ton wooden vessel from New York for Marseilles February 7, was abandoned at sea at noon yesterday with eight feet of water in its engine room, according to a message received here today by the naval communications service from the British steamer Dogara. The message added that the crew of the Accom had been taken on board the British ship.

NO CAUSE SHOWN IN OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS WORRY

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of which C. B. Stuhrt is chairman, kept the real estate men in an uproar for two hours.

E. A. Benson, the veteran toastmaster told more than his usual number of stories. With the exception of two years when he was ill, Mr. Benson has been toastmaster of Real Estate board banquets here for 25 years.

The chief feature of the vaudeville part of the program, was a musical show by young real estate men dressed as tubes. They were Kenneth Reed, Frank Selby, Hugh Wallace, E. F. Williams, Harold Graham, Clarence Nelson, W. P. Spalding, Willard Slabaugh, assisted by Dean Smith and George Campbell.

Guests From Lincoln.

There was singing and dancing by Florence Ellsworth Luther, Agnes Britton, Jack Connors, and Edith Davison. During one of the songs, William Coffey, a gray-haired realtor, offered his seat for \$200.

There was a boxing bout by Drexel and Gillan of Fort Omaha, refereed by Denny Ryan, former elector for the Bee.

John Lonan of Lincoln, vice president of the Nebraska Realty Dealers' association; G. J. Matson, secretary of this organization, and C. E. Matson, attorney for the state association, were guests of the Omaha board. Mr. Matson in a speech urged co-operation between the state and city board. This co-operation was assured to the visitors.

British Colonial Plan Basis of Mandatory System, Says Curzon

London, Feb. 12.—Earl Curzon, former viceroy of India and government leader in the house of lords, discussed the British colonial mandatory system of ruling former German and Turkish possessions as adopted in principle by the peace conference.

In substance, he said, the adoption of the principle was merely recognition by the world of the principles of colonial administration which had been consistently acted upon by Great Britain for the best part of half a century and by the most advanced of the other great nations of the world.

The difference would be that, whereas in the past there had been nobody with authority to insist upon proper observation of conditions other than the self-interest, self-respect or conscience of the great power concerned, there would now be in the society of nations, an organization whose duty it would be to supervise the arrangements and to see that they were faithfully carried out.

Wyoming Will Vote on \$3,000,000 Road Bonds

Cheyenne, Wyo, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Wyoming voters will be called upon to vote on a proposition of issuing \$3,000,000 in good road bonds, according to present plans decided upon at a conference of a special joint legislative committee. The state will, if the bond issue carries, then buy its own bonds from school funds on hand, and thus pay interest to itself on its own bonds.

In addition to the \$3,000,000, which will match a like amount available from federal good roads legislation, the state will tax automobiles a cent a pound, exempting them from other forms of taxation. The proceeds from this tax, with the exception of \$500,000 each machine will go into the highway fund. Of the \$5 exempted, \$4 will go to the county of origin and \$1 to the state general fund.

The Yellowstone highway crossing the state from southeast to northwest and entering the Yellowstone park at Cody, will be one of the main intrastate improvements undertaken.

Threats Made to China by Jap Minister, Says Report

Washington, Feb. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Officials of the State department declined to make any formal comment today on the Chino-Japanese situation. The impression was given that the whole matter was being handled at Paris. According to the reports received here, the threats against China were conveyed to the Chinese foreign minister by the Japanese minister in Peking in thinly-veiled terms. The Japanese minister is said to have pointed out that Japan had an army of more than a million men idle at home, fully equipped and with arms and munitions enough to conduct a long war, and to have pointed out that Japan had more than a half million tons of shipping with the intimation that this would be ready on short notice for active work. He also is said to have referred pointedly to large sums of money owed to Japan by China and to the fact that China had been unable to live up to its financial agreements.

Police Nab 29 in Raid on I. W. W. Headquarters

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The police today raided the once busy general headquarters of the I. W. W. and arrested 29 idlers "to see who they were and why they were not working," an official said. Government agents professed no interest in the raid, although the police said the arrests were made with the knowledge of the government. The I. W. W. headquarters has seen little activity since William D. Haywood, head of the organization, and nearly 100 others were convicted of conspiracy and sent to Leavenworth prison last fall.

Transport Arrives With Troops of Hawkeye State

New York, Feb. 12.—The transport Stockholm arrived here today from Brest with 2,084 American troops, mainly colored troops of the 93d division, and casual company No. 222 of Iowa. Also on board were more than 400 casual officers and men of various branches of the service and 14 nurses and 18 civilians.

FAR EAST WAR CLOUD MIRAGE, ASSERT JAPS

Vice Foreign Minister of Japan Declares Peking and Paris Reports of Treaties Are Untrue.

Tokio, Feb. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Kijuro Shidehara, vice foreign minister of Japan, speaking regarding the publication of Chinese treaties with Japan, said that the latter had "simply called to China's attention the established procedure, according to which the new government has a right to publish confidential correspondence without previously consulting the other." M. Shidehara spoke for Viscount Uchida, foreign minister, who is suffering from pneumonia.

"Japan has no intention to interfere with any demands or contentions which the Chinese prefer to present to the peace conference," he said. "Accordingly, Peking and Paris reports to the contrary, are absolutely untrue."

Ready to Submit Plans.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The Chinese delegation to the peace conference has been advised that there have been many interpellations in the Chinese parliament from members representing both the northern and southern provinces, demanding fuller information concerning Japanese and Chinese relations as laid before the conference.

The Chinese delegates say they are ready to submit all secret agreements with Japan to the council of the five great powers, which probably will consider the matter at the end of the present week.

The delegation is receiving many messages from societies and individuals in support of their activities in Paris.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Read in House of Congress

Washington, Feb. 12.—In accordance with long established custom Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read today in the house of representatives. Representative Russell of Missouri for the first time in many years was unable to read the address, illness preventing his attendance at today's session. By designation of Speaker Clark, the address was read by Mr. Russell's colleague, Representative Rubey.

Shotguns Prominent in South Dakota Oil Field

Edgemont, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special to The Bee.)—This city is under an oil excitement, the fond dreams of which, if realized, will make the town a city before fall. About 12 miles northwest of here, in the Moss Agate basin, new exploiting work is under full headway. Large oil companies like the Midwest, Ohio, Standard, United, and many others have oil rigs either on the grounds or enroute there. Dozens of large auto trucks are being unloaded from the trains daily, and sent to the oil fields loaded with fuel, lumber and other material. A genuine oil boom is at its fever height. Claims are being staked out in the new field by hundreds, and in some cases three filings have been made on one claim. Jumping claims seems to be a common sport, and the shotgun policy has had to be adopted.

Will Continue Gradual Reduction of Army Units

Washington, Feb. 12.—Col. J. H. McAndrews of the army general staff said tonight that his statement in New York Monday night regarding demobilization of the soldiers in service in the United States had been erroneously construed to mean that there would be no further discharge for several months of such soldiers.

"A gradual reduction will continue to be made in all units and utilities of the United States," said Col. McAndrews, "by discharge of men as rapidly as their services can be spared."

To Preach at Swedish Church.

Rev. Albert Nelson will preach at the Swedish Free church, Twenty-seventh avenue and Marcy street, tonight and Thursday night. The public is invited.

SITUATION AT PARIS EXPLAINED BY LLOYD GEORGE

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the allies must do their best in the interests not only of Russia, but also of Great Britain and of the world, to restore order and good government in the distracted country.

Mr. Lloyd George was sorry to hear members talking in rather slighting tones about the league of nations. Any one attending the peace conference must realize how much the little nations were relying on the league. They were not only unanimous but eager, in its support.

It was suggested that President Wilson only represented one party regarding the league, but former President Taft he said, went much further on the mandatory question than President Wilson himself and much farther than Britain could follow him.

"I have been assured by a prominent republican," he continued, "that so far as the league is concerned, the republican working men of America are just as keen as the democratic working men and that American public opinion is not divided on the league."

Washington Banker Reiterates His Charge Against Comptroller

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Weeks of Massachusetts spoke today before the senate banking committee, which is considering the nomination of John Skelton Williams as comptroller of the treasury, in support of his bill abolishing the office of the comptroller and vesting its powers in the federal reserve board.

Wade Cooper, Washington banker, at an executive hearing of the committee, reiterated his charge made yesterday that the comptroller was attempting to intimidate bankers to prevent them from appearing before the committee.

Mr. Cooper corrected a statement made by him yesterday to the effect that attorneys representing Mr. Williams had endeavored to induce him not to testify. He said Mr. Williams had summoned several attorneys who were friends of the witness and asked them to intercede with him.

Six Million Saved Yearly by Railway Consolidations

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Estimated annual economies of \$6,442,618.84 were effected by consolidation of switching, car inspector service lines, stations, rerouting of freight trains and other means, according to the annual report of Hale Holden, railroad director of the central western region, made public today, showing also an increase of 17.3 per cent in operating revenue.

Operating expenses increased 34.1 per cent, resulting in a decrease of 12.7 per cent in net operating revenue, according to the report covering one 10 months, not including November and December.

An additional saving estimated at \$11,231,317.62 resulted from elimination of 389 passenger trains, eliminating 15,500,784 passenger car miles, according to the report, and 38,703,614 passenger car miles were saved by discontinuance of parlor and observation cars and reduction of Pullman car service.

For Early Convoy.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The War department today received a cabled correction from General Pershing announcing that the 309th field battalion, signal corps, (84th division), had been assigned to early convoy instead of the 139th as previously announced.

MOTOR TRUCK SYSTEM AS AID TO THE FARMERS

Assistant Postmaster General Advocates Plan to Keep Agriculturalists in Closer Touch With Markets.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Adoption of the motor truck system under direction of the postoffice department as a means of putting the farmer in closer touch with markets, was advocated today by Assistant Postmaster General Blakeley in an address before the semi-annual conference of the national labor board of farm organizations.

W. T. Creasy of Pennsylvania, chairman of the board, told of the work of the agricultural reconstruction committee, and E. A. Calvin of Texas, discussed cotton and co-operation among farmers.

American Sick and Wounded in France February 1, 87,045

Washington, Feb. 12.—From the signing of the armistice to February 8, 287,332 American troops in France and Great Britain had embarked for the United States, while up to February 10, 67,454 officers and 1,069,116 men had been demobilized in this country. Total arrivals of overseas troops up to February 7, were 215,749.

These figures were made public today by Secretary Baker, together with others relating to the number of sick and wounded now in France and the number returned home.

Men in France being treated for disease on February 1, totaled 62,561 and those suffering from wounds were 24,484. The aggregate of 87,045 was 4,688 less than in the preceding week and 106,403 less than the number in hospitals overseas on November 14.

Since ending of hostilities 53,042 sick and wounded have arrived in this country, bringing the total since the beginning of the war to 63,150.

On February 1, the occupied beds in hospitals in the United States numbered 60,777, while there were 47,048 vacant beds available for returning cases.

Cold Weather Takes the Enthusiasm Out of Striking Miners

Jerome, Ariz., Feb. 12.—A cold snap with rain and some snow today took the enthusiasm out of the strike demonstrations here, which began Monday following a cut of 75 cents per day in the miners' wages. The general situation remains practically unchanged, although a few more men showed up for work underground. The mine officials say, however, that they have not sufficient forces to keep the smelters going and declare they will carry out their threat to shut down indefinitely if full crews do not put in an appearance tomorrow.

Congress Repeals Fifteen Billion War Appropriations

Washington, Feb. 12.—A conference report on the bill providing for a repeal of \$15,000,000,000 of war appropriations and carrying \$295,000,000 in deficiency appropriations was adopted today by both senate and house. The bill now awaits President Wilson's signature.

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Impending Strike in Britain Causes Big Coal Shortage

London, Feb. 12.—The decision of the Miners' Federation conference to reject the government's terms will, if followed by a strike, which seems likely with the miners in their present mood, create an extremely serious industrial situation, as the coal shortage is already embarrassing.

The miners' demands were elaborated last year, but were held over pending the conclusion of hostilities in consideration of the national emergency.

While the first object of the miners is to absorb surplus labor, consequent to the demobilization, there is declared to be behind the movement a determination on the part of the miners permanently to nationalize the industry.

Australia Gets Ships.

Melbourne, Feb. 12.—The commonwealth of Australia will accept a gift of six destroyers and six modern type submarines, tendered by the British government, according to an announcement made here.

Compliment Seattle Mayor

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—C. G. Bliss, former district food administrator, now manager of the Nebraska Farm Power company was father of a resolution adopted by the Commercial club here yesterday complimenting Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle, in connection with his action in the general strike taking place in the western port.

Mr. Bliss in presenting his resolution, stated that he felt the great need of the country today was men big enough to see "bolshievis" threatening and throttle it, whether it manifests itself in strikes or general demonstrations.



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